Consumer Telecommunications

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AAFES policy and funding for exterior cabling in support of barracks

- MILCON project will fund and install the cabling from the individual soldier room to a central point
- AAFES, through our provider, is responsible for:
  - Making any necessary connection from the central point
  - Providing funding and installation of all infrastructure external to this central point
  - All outside cable plant (cable, duct, manholes), equipment shelters, and switches

Europe Barracks Program

- On-going initiative to expand program to enduring installations
  - First 3 installations: Grafenwoehr, Vilseck & Hohenfels
  - Wireless solution to deliver VOIP and High speed Internet
  - Beta test delayed due to lack of support from DT
  - Once DT fulfills the request, Sprint will install remaining equipment
  - Beta test 30 days or less
    - Free to customers at Vilseck (select buildings)
  - Outcome of beta test will determine the direction and feasibility of future expansion for wireless solutions

Barracks Phone Program

- Originated with a request by Army MWRs to improve the quality of life of single soldiers living in barracks
- Program continues to be threatened by new technologies
  - Revenue continues to shift due to the increasingly use of cell phones and other technologies
  - Cable providers are expanding to offer bundled services that include voice, data and television

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